

### **PROSPECTIVE DAILY ITINERARY**

**Day 1** Departing Adelaide airport at noon we travel north on the Princes Highway 180km to Crystal Brook - the southern boundary of the Flinders Ranges. After a lunch stop at Crystal Brook it is another 2 hours or less to Melrose where we spend our first evening at the old Mt Remarkables Hotel.

**Day 2** From Melrose we travel along a winding gravel road through mountain country, down through Telowie Gorge and out to the Spencer Gulf coast north of Port Pirie. This morning we will take a boat cruise to the upper reaches of Spencer Gulf – for the same view of the Flinders Ranges that greeted Matthew Flinders more than 200 years ago. After a stop for lunch in the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens out of Port Augusta, we go back into the Ranges through the Pitchi Ritchi Pass out to Quorn where we will spend the next two evenings.

**Day 3** Today is spent in this southern parts of the Flinders, with leisurely visits to the spectacular mountains and gorges of the Quorn district. A lifetime resident will be our guide today – taking us to those places that are bypassed by most others who tour the Flinders.

**Day 4** It is a relatively short journey further north into the Flinders – from Quorn up to Rawnsley Park beyond Hawker. So before leaving this beautiful little town there will be plenty of time for morning tea and to wander the streets and old shops of Quorn. Then stopping along the way at places like the Kanyaka Homestead ruins and to take in spectacular scenery to Mount Eyre and out to Lake Torrens close by Hawker, we will be in Rawnsley Park by mid afternoon. *(Whilst not included in the tour price, for those who so wish it will be possible for you this afternoon to arrange your own flight over Wilpena Pound – close to sunset when the colours of Wilpena are at their very best).*

**Days 5 and 6** We will spend all of these two days in the hands of an experienced local guide – travelling easy short distances to visit the most spectacular parts of the Southern Flinders.

**Day 7** Leaving Rawnsley Park we travel north through the mountains as far as Blinman. From there we turn to the east on gravel roads on our way to Wirrealpa Station – we will stop for lunch at the homestead. In the afternoon we come out on the eastern side of the Flinders below Arkaroola. Then back into the ranges for two nights at the Arkaroola Wilderness Resort.

**Day 8** This is a quiet day in and around Arkaroola – with short or long walks in the gorges of Arkaroola and including the famous 4WD Arkaroola Ridgetop Tour.

**Day 9** From Arkaroola we travel back across the mountains from east to west (now the Gammon Ranges) coming out at Cropley. From Cropley we travel a short distance north to Lyndhurst; depending on time we may travel a short distance up the Strzelecki Track to see the desert country which confronted Edward John Eyre in 1841 – with expansive views of the mountains back to the south. Turning back in the afternoon we will be timing this part of the tour to travel down the western escarpment of the Flinders - at its beautiful best in the mid to late afternoon. We will spend this evening at Hawker.

**Day 10** From Hawker this morning we travel back once more into the undulating hills of the Southern Flinders, through Carrieton and Craddock. At Orroroo some of the 'locals' will join us to spend a leisurely time in this beautiful, more fertile, part of the Flinders. On our last evening in the Flinders we stay at Peterborough.

**Day 11** From Peterborough we travel on the Barrier Highway 300km to Broken Hill – to spend the afternoon with another local guide for a tour of the city and surrounding region.

**Day 12** Beyond Broken Hill we continue along the Barrier Highway through Wilcannia, Cobar and Nyngan – to spend our last evening in Narromine.

**Day 13** With stops at Wellington and Orange – for lunch at Duntryleague Golf Club – we return to Sydney about 6pm after traversing the Blue Mountains via Bell's Line of Road.